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The following four documents are cited as being relevant for reasons mentioned in paragraphs 0008-0012 and 0017 of the specification of the instant application:

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0221337 A1 (FARYS et al.), published on December 4, 2003;

French Patent Publication No. 2 720 235 A1 (CALZATURIFICO S.C.A.R.P.A.), published on December 1, 1995;

French Patent Publication No. 2 840 163 A1 (SALOMON S.A.), published on December 5, 2003;

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European Patent Publication No. 0 688 512 B1 (BORFIR INTERNACIONAL S.L.), published on December 27, 1995.

A copy of each of the four documents is attached and each is listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A.

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